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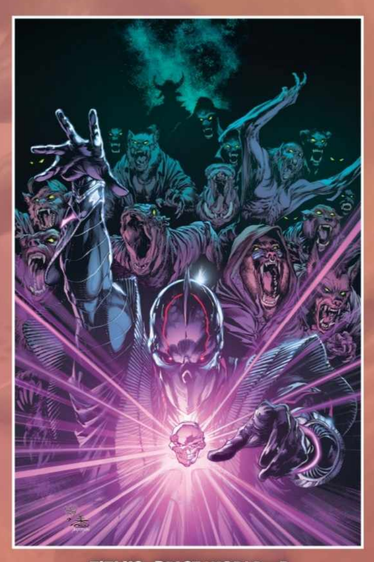

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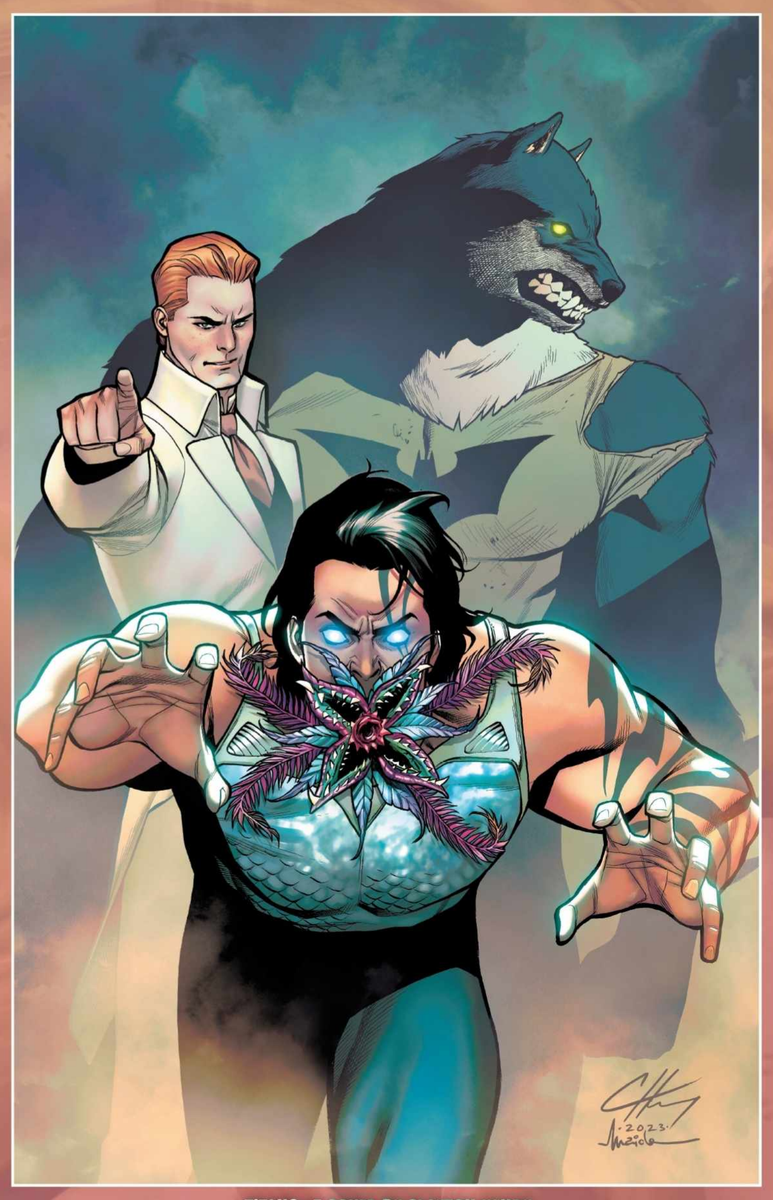

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DC'S UNPRECEDENTED *TITANS* EVENT CONCLUDES IN JANUARY...AND THE NEXT PHASE OF DAWN OF DC BEGINS!

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- *TITANS: BEAST WORLD #5*
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- *TITANS: BEAST WORLD #6*

YOU CHEATED ON YOUR *WIFE*, SENATOR... WITH WILSHIRE'S ASSISTANT.

LYING TO PROTECT HER COST YOU YOUR *SENATE SEAT*...

...WHICH, IN TURN, COST YOUR PARTY THE SENATE *MAJORITY*...

...AND THE OMNIBUS BILL WENT DOWN IN DEFEAT.

"Lazarus"

AN HOUR AGO

THE SICK-NESS UNTO DEATH, SENATOR...

...QUOTED IN YOUR RESIG-NATION...

...NOT PHYSICAL DEATH BUT THE SIN OF *DESPAIR*...

...A SPIRITUAL DEATH FROM NOT EMBRACING ONE'S SELF.

KIERKEGAARD WAS DECON-STRUCTING THE LAZARUS STORY FROM THE BIBLE.

A STORY ABOUT LIFE FROM DEATH, IMPLYING *HOPE*.

DO *YOU* HAVE *HOPE*, SENATOR?

MAYBE. I'VE COME TO MY SENSES... BEGGED MY WIFE'S FOR-GIVENESS.

I'M *HOME*, MS. LANE...

...IF YOU CAN KEEP THIS OUT OF THE NEWS.

I CAN LEAVE OUT THE AFFAIR, BUT, SENATOR, IF *I* FIGURED IT OUT...

...SOME-ONE ELSE IS *BOUND* TO.

HOPE, SENATOR. IT'S ALL WE REALLY HAVE.

YOU JUST... CROSS YOUR FINGERS, HOLD YOUR *BREATH*...

...AND *TRUST*...

"Immacolata"

VICTOR'S PLANET

YEAR 22

Clark, the so-called "Superman"...

...has FAILED.

We await telemetry data from his journey...

...but assume he did not survive.

Our sun is now a red giant approaching supernova.

Even if he could find his way back, the red sun would eliminate his powers, meaning...

...Superman can NEVER return.

Or...

...CAN he...?

KLIKK

"The Visitor"

DAY 90

ALL RIGHT.

WELL?!

MAYBE GET THE *HOVERING SPACE LADY* AWAY FROM CLARK KENT'S WINDOW?!

I DOUBT ANYONE CAN SEE HER...

...EXCEPT US.

ЧТО ЭТО ЗНАЧИТ?

I SHOULD GO...

YOU SHOULD *STAY.*

NOBODY *MOVES* UNTIL I KNOW JUST WHAT THE *HELL* IS GOING ON HERE...

ЧТО ЭТО ЗНАЧИТ?

PRETTY HANDY WITH THE ALIEN *LINGO,* ISN'T HE...

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE COME.*

HOW COULD I *NOT?*

BEFORE YOUR SHIP WAS DE-STROYED...

...IT RETURNED TELEMETRY OF YOUR JOURNEY FROM VICTOR'S PLANET.

I HAVE COME, JUST AS YOU...

*TRANSLATED FROM THE LANGUAGE OF VICTOR'S PLANET. --BRITTANY

...TO BRING BACK *HELP.*

YOU KNOW THE WAY BACK TO VICTOR'S PLANET?

THE RING HAS MADE A RECORD OF MY JOURNEY...

TELL ME...

...IS THERE *ANY* PART OF WHAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE THAT I SHOULD LIKE...?

WHERE'S YOUR LAP-TOP--?

THE *RING* DEFIES SPACE-TIME.

TO-GETHER, WITH THE *CORPS*...

...WE CAN STILL--

BRUCE-- WHAT IS IT?

...

...NOTHING *GOOD.* HEB EPA.

...LIVE FEED FROM *KASNIA*, WHERE THE SEPARATIST FACTION HEB EPA HAS LAUNCHED...

...A *SURPRISE ATTACK* ON THE DISPUTED TERRI-TORIES--

WWHOOOOOSSSSH!

--?!

NO, HOPE.

WHEN HE GETS LIKE *THIS*...

...YOU JUST HAVE TO LET HIM GO.

DIANA...

"...GOT A LITTLE PROBLEM HERE. THE KASNIA THING...

"...HE'S ON HIS WAY."

WE'VE BROKEN THROUGH THEIR PERIME-TER--!*

...FAILURE OF THE McMONIGLE OMNIBUS PACKAGE ENDED FOREIGN AID TO THE KASNIAN SEPARATISTS...

*TRANSLATED FROM KASNIAN.

...AND A COLLAPSE IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN POLITICAL FACTIONS WITHIN THAT WAR-TORN NATION--

AHEAD FULL! FIRE!

MOW THEM ALL DOWN! SPARE NO MAN...

...WHAT--?!

BRRAAK-T!

SUPERMAN.

SUPERMAN... LISTEN TO ME--

RING.

THAT... ON YOUR FINGER...

...TRANS-LATE.

THE *RING* CAN HELP YOU--

UNDER-STAND.

YES... I SEE NOW.

...SUPE--

SO... BABY.

YES.

BELONGS TO...?

HOPE.

GREAT. *ANNND...?*

VICTOR'S PLANET.

THIS IS GOING WELL...

SAVE VICTOR'S PLANET... *PROTECT.*

UH-HUH, GREAT...

BABY. ME...

...AND CLARK.

--PER-MAN... LISTEN TO ME...

...INTER-FERE WITH GEOPOLITICAL CONFLICTS... THE *LEAGUE*...

...WE DON'T *DO* THAT--

WELL, GUESS *WHAT*--?

--WE'RE DOING IT TODAY.

chatterchatterchatterchatterchatterchatterSQUABBLEtte

SQUABBLE SQUABBLE

THOOOM!

ENOUGH...

...?! --! ...?! ...WHAT...? --! ...? ...?! --! ...? ...?!

...ENOUGH.

TELL ME...WHEN WILL IT BE *ENOUGH?*

HOW MANY DEAD? HOW MANY *HOMELESS?*

HOW IS *ANY* OF THIS "WINNING"?

YOU'VE HAD THIS SAME ARGUMENT, AMONG YOUR OWN PEOPLE, FOR *CENTURIES.*

AN ENDLESS CYCLE THAT'S BROUGHT YOU NOTHING BUT MISERY.

WHY NOT *END* IT? HERE. *NOW.*

THE OLD QUARRELS? IT'S TIME TO *LET GO.*

SEVER THE CONNECTION TO THE *PAST...*

...BUILD A BRIDGE TO YOUR *FUTURE.*

NOT EVEN I CAN STOP *ALL* WARS...

...BUT I CAN STOP *THIS* ONE. AT LEAST FOR *TODAY.*

WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO *MAKE* OF THE DAY IS UP TO YOU--

CLAPP

CLAPP

CLAPP

BRAVO.

HOW INSPIRING. VERY TONY ROBBINS.

CLAPP CLAPP CLAPP

OR MAYBE MARCUS AURELIUS. LETTING GO OF THE PAST? HEH...

...PHYSICIAN, HEAL THY-SELF.

GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK TO YOUR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. ONE SMALL POINT OF ORDER...

YOU *CAN* STOP ALL WARS. END POVERTY AND HUNGER. YOU JUST *CHOOSE* NOT TO.

WHICH MAKES YOU *UNBEAR-ABLY* NAIVE. THE UN-MESSIAH.

CAN'T EVEN *SEE* THE WELL HE'S FALLEN INTO.

FATE, SUPERMAN. YOURS AND MINE.

TWO LIVES WASTED FIGHTING AGAINST IT. SAID AURELIUS--

"WASTE NO MORE TIME ARGUING WHAT A GOOD MAN SHOULD BE...

"...JUST *BE ONE.*"

WELCOME BACK.

WE MISSED Y--

SHE *BEAT* YOU.

LOIS. SHE *BEAT* YOU.

HOW'S *THAT* FOR A WASTE OF TIME.

I USED TO WONDER WHAT YOUR OBSESSION WITH ME WAS ABOUT.

I'D ROOT AROUND IN MY HEAD, TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW I WAS TRIGGERING YOU.

THEN I'D PITY YOU JUST A LITTLE.

NOW I JUST LOOK TO GET THROUGH MY DAY WITHOUT *PROVOKING* YOU.

AS TO *FATE*, YOU SHOULD TAKE *COMFORT* IN MY STRUGGLE. I *ASSURE* YOU...

...YOU WOULDN'T LIKE THE ALTERNA-TIVE.

STAND BACK

FFWWWOOOSSSSSSSHH!

CLARK--

--WE'RE READY.

WE HEARD FROM THE LANTERNS.

THEY HAVE A FIX ON VICTOR'S PLANET.

FARE-WELL, DEAR FRIEND.

THANK YOU...FOR GIVING ME A *HOME*...

...FOR TEACHING ME *HONOR*...AND *FAITH*...

PERHAPS SOME-DAY...

...I WILL BECOME *WORTHY* OF YOU.

ZZZZMMMMM

I'LL KEEP YOU *POSTED*.

HOPE'S BABY.

IT'S *YOURS*.

TELL ME SHE'S LYING.

I'M NOT SURE SHE KNOWS *HOW*.

HOWEVER, HOPE'S SPECIES REPRODUCES THROUGH PARTHENOGENESIS.

YEAH. SHE SAID.

SHE FOUND A LIVE FOLLICLE IN YOUR *HAIRBRUSH*--

--GREAT. I *FAKE* A PREGNANCY...

THIS...THIS... KOMODO DRAGON DOES THE REAL THING...

AAAAAHHHH!

--?!

LOIS--

SHE *CLONED* YOU, CLARK.

AND YOU'RE SO *CALM* ABOUT IT--

LOIS, I--

GO.

WHAT...?

GO.

GO PLAY WITH YOUR SUPER FRIENDS.

AND THE *ANNOYINGLY SEXY WOMAN* WHO'S INCUBATING *YOUR CLONE.*

LOIS... VICTOR'S PLANET...BY NOW HAS A RED SUN.

WITHOUT MY POWERS, I'LL BE *USELESS* THERE...

NO, CLARK...

...YOU'LL BE MORE HELP THAN *ANY* OF THEM.

A *SYMBOL OF HOPE.* WORSE...

...IF YOU *DON'T* GO ON THIS MISSION...

...I MAY *NEVER* GET YOU BACK.

DON'T YOU SEE? I'M LIVING WITH A GHOST. SURE...

...CLARK KENT IS HERE. BUT--

--THIS IS A JOB...

...FOR SUPERMAN.

I WILL...

...I SWEAR...

...COME BACK TO YOU.

McMONIGLE CLEARED
Senator Resigns As
Former Senator Is Cleared of Bribery
By Lois Lane
METROPOLIS—The political firestorm
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Wilshire on multiple felony charges
McMonigle has denied any knowledge
of the fortune, which investigator
have tied to a recent political
fundraiser for the senator. XX
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...

..."THE SIN OF DESPAIR"...

"--LOSING ONE'S SELF, CAN OCCUR VERY QUIETLY IN THE WORLD, AS IF IT WERE NOTHING AT ALL.

"ANY OTHER LOSS--AN ARM, A LEG, FIVE DOLLARS, A WIFE--"

...

...A WIFE.

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STOP IT.

JUST... DON'T.

"The Stranger Redux"

NOW

SHH-NNKKK!

...SMEKK...

...KIERKEGAARD...

...H'LOH...?

HEY.
DIDN'T MEAN TO WAKE YOU-- YET.
KERR-UNNNCH
YOU MADE IT! THANK GOD!
OKAY.
THE MISSION-- WAS IT A SUC-CESS--?
GENERALLY. A FEW HICCUPS, OF COURSE...
...DIDN'T KNOW I'D BE GONE A COUPLE DAYS.
...? "DAYS"...?
WHERE... WHERE'S YOUR WHITE SUIT...?
SORRY?
THE WHITE--
--THE LONG-RANGE SURVIVAL SUIT VICTOR GAVE YOU...
"VICTOR."
LOIS...
...HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SLEEP-ING...?
WHAT DID YOU DO? CLARK...
...WHAT DID YOU DO?!
IT'S A MESS, YOU KNOW. MOVING FASTER THAN LIGHT...
...SPACE TRAVEL IS TIME-TRAVEL.
WHICH MAKES YOU ALWAYS LATE FOR SUPPER...
...
...WHAT DID YOU DO.
WAIT... WHAT WAS THAT ADAM STRANGE TOLD YOU--

TIME-TRAVEL...

I DON'T UNDER-STAND--

CLARK... HOW DID YOU GET BACK...?

#%@%#!Z.

Did I get that right? Is that the expres-sion...?

Anyway, while you were rolfing all over my iso chamber...

--we located **Earth,** your **planet.** You're **home.**

That'll be 32 hundred credits.

--?! MONEY--? I DON'T HAVE--

I'll take the **cape.**

I--I CAN'T-- MY MOTHER--

What'd I tell you.

Air lock.

--?!

SSFFWW0000SH!

--AND HERE I AM.

NO, CLARK, NO. THAT'S ALL WRONG.

WHAT... WHO...

...WHO *ARE* YOU...?

I'M THE GUY WHO LOVES YOU.

...AND I'M *HOME.*

WE SAVED VICTOR'S PLANET.

TOOK NEARLY A *DECADE* TO RELOCATE THE INHABI-TANTS...

...WHO IMMEDIATELY BEGAN *BICKERING* AGAIN.

YOU *WERE* TELLING THE TRUTH AFTER ALL...

"Legacy"

ANOMALY A612

TIMELINE UNCERTAIN

...YOU *ARE* ME. *LITERALLY* FROM MY OWN TIME-LINE.

BUT YOU COULDN'T TELL ME.

IT WAS A CHOICE I'D NEED TO MAKE FOR *MYSELF.*

ONE YOU KNEW I *WOULD* MAKE...

...TO NEVER GO HOME AGAIN...

CLARK... I DO NOT UNDER-STAND...

...WHY HAVE YOU ASKED TO *DROP OUT* OF HYPER-SPACE?

SOME-THING LUTHOR SAID.

MARCUS AURELIUS, A STOIC PHILOSO-PHER--

"EVERY MAN HAS HIS OWN DESTINY--

"THE ONLY IMPERATIVE IS TO FOLLOW IT...

"...TO ACCEPT IT, NO MATTER WHERE IT LEADS HIM."

I WILL...

...I SWEAR...

...COME BACK TO YOU.

YOUR LANTERN RING WARPS SPACETIME, THE *CLOCK* CHANGING AS WE TRANSECT WORM-HOLES.

MARQUIS CALCULATED THIS TIME WARP *DETOUR*...RANGE AND VELOCITY TO MY FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE CONTREC-TATIO.

USE YOUR POWER RING TO *BLIND* THEIR SENSOR ARRAY TO OUR APPROACH.

I PROMISED LOIS WOULD GET HER HUSBAND BACK.

THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE WAY TO GUARANTEE THAT...

Good morning, Clark.

Now transferring telemetry data from launch point "Earth" to Contrectatio navigational array.

INSTEAD OF TAKING ME TO VICTOR'S PLANET...

...THE CONTREC-TATIO DROPPED ME *HOME*...

...*MINUS* THE TRAUMA OF A TWENTY-YEAR ODYSSEY.

OH, THERE'LL BE A *MYSTERY*. LOIS WILL PICK AT IT, DEMAND ANSWERS...

...BUT WILL ULTIMATELY TRUST THE CHOICE I MADE...FOR HER, FOR EARTH, FOR VICTOR'S PLANET...

...TO SEND THE MAN SHE LOVES *BACK* TO HER.

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU... HAVE *WE*... MADE THAT CHOICE...

"...TO GIVE *HOPE* TO HOPELESSNESS...

SZHEMI

SO I ENTOMB THIS RECORD WITH YOU, FOR THOSE WHO COME AFTER US.

HOPE... FOR VICTOR'S PLANET...

"...WAS FOUND IN A SINGLE STRAND OF *HAIR*.

"DNA USED TO RIGHT A TERRIBLE WRONG...

"...BANISH IGNORANCE...

"...UNITE A DIVIDED PEOPLE...

"...AND SHINE BRIGHTEST DAY INTO DARKEST NIGHT..."

"HOPE'S CHILD.

"HER EFFORT TO ATONE FOR SZHEMI'S DEATH...

"AND THE FIRST ARKASIAN BORN AS A CITIZEN OF THE REPUBLIC.

HOPE'S CLAIM THE CHILD BELONGED TO "VICTOR'S PLANET AND CLARK"...

...LOST SOMETHING IN TRANSLATION.

NOT MY HAIR IN THE BRUSH...

...SZHEMI'S.

WHICH NOW LEAVES ME EXACTLY WHERE YOU KNEW I'D BE... WITH A *NEW* MISSION.

TO PROTECT EARTH...

...TO PROTECT *HER*...

...BY SHOWING OTHERS THE *WAY*...

"...GATEKEEPER."

SUPERMAN

CREATED BY jerry siegel AND joe shuster
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INTERVIEW WITH WRITER
JASON AARON

Eisner Award-winning writer Jason Aaron and fan-favorite artist John Timms usher in an unpredictable new era for the Man of Steel in *Action Comics* #1061, which kicks off the yearlong Superman Superstars initiative. DC Nation talked with Aaron to get the lowdown on what fans can expect.

What's it like not only to write Superman—but to write him in *Action Comics*, the series that started it all?

It's a huge honor. No other way to describe it. What a phenomenal way to start my first real stint as a writer for DC Comics. First a Batman book, in the form of *Batman: Off-World*, and now a story for *Action Comics*, the series that truly paved the way for so much of what has shaped my life as a comic book fan and creator.

Is Superman a character you've always wanted to write?

For a long time, yeah. I've felt for a while now like you're not really a proper comic book writer until you've gotten to write Superman. Also, there's the fact that my entire 20-year comics-writing career has coincided with me moving to Kansas, so it feels like I need to pay the Man of Steel back for what he's so graciously given me.

How have you enjoyed collaborating with artist John Timms?

John was born to draw Superman and his world. He gives all of it such majesty and splendor, while also nailing all the creepier, weirder elements that are such a big part of this story. And he really goes all out with the first big fight scene we see between Superman and Bizarro, taking things to a truly epic scale.

How did you land on Bizarro as the villain for your story? What makes him different in this story from what readers have seen from him before?

I love the all-out weirdness of Bizarro, but I also saw the chance to bring a darker, more sorrowful edge to the character. This is a broken, damaged version of poor Bizarro, who stumbles upon a revelation about himself that allows him to strike in a wild new way against a world that has hated and mocked him for far too long.

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